## NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENDING DEAD BIRD TESTING By: Mike Reavis, Environmental Health Supervisor 9/30/2003

Effective Wednesday, October 1, 2003, the Yadkin County Environmental Health Office will **no** longer be accepting/collecting birds for testing. The NC Public Health Pest Management has suspended dead bird testing for Arborioviruses due to the known prevalence of the disease throughout the state. The State Health Lab will concentrate its efforts and resources in testing solely for human contagion. Citizens are still encouraged to report dead bird sightings to the Environmental Health Office at (336) 679-4244. Dead birds can be reported at <a href="http://www.ncwnv.com">http://www.ncwnv.com</a>. Lists for information and reporting are also available at the Yadkin County website at <a href="http://www.yadkincounty.gov">www.yadkincounty.gov</a>.